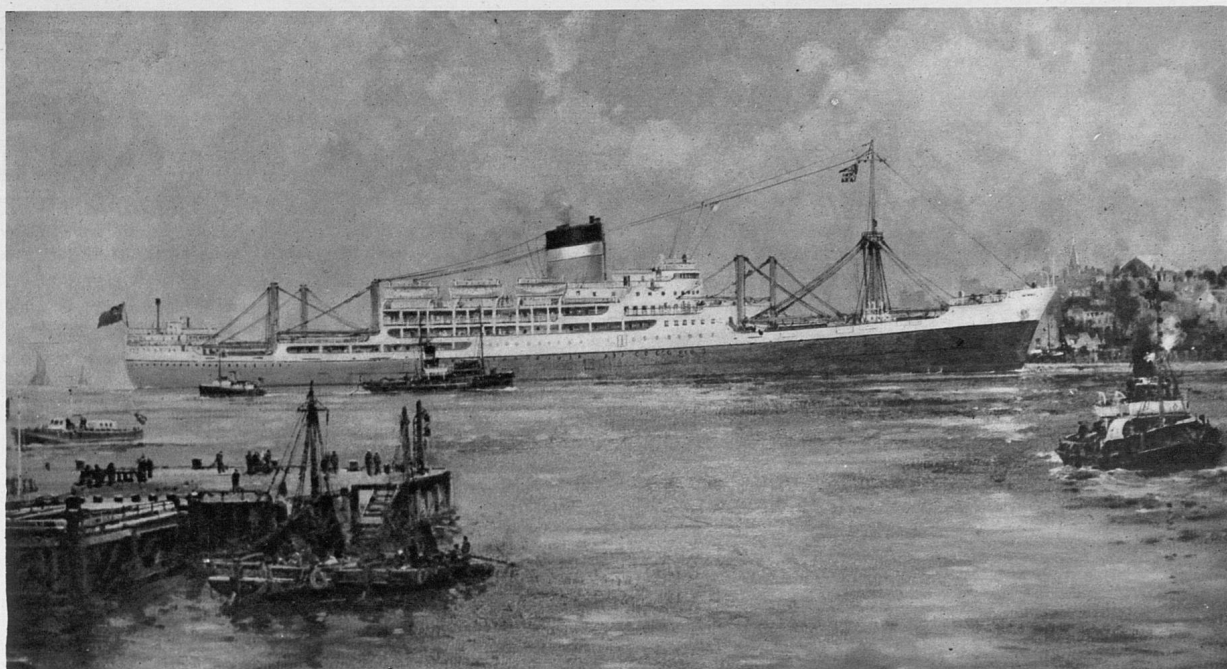


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THE "CITY OF PORT ELIZABETH" WHEN COMPLETED: This is an artist's impression of the new Ellerman liner which is shown in process of being launched in one of the pictures reproduced below. She is a passenger- and cargo-liner of 12,500 tons, and is the first of four sister-ships under construction in the Walker Naval Yard.



ON THE STOCKS BEFORE LAUNCHING: The bows of the City of Port Elizabeth beside those of her sister-ship, the City of Exeter, in the Walker Naval Yard of Vickers-Armstrongs.



THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY: Left—Mrs. A. L. Geyer, wife of the South African High Commissioner, being presented with a bouquet by Miss Elizabeth Mostyn, a member of the clerical staff in the Walker Naval Yard, before the launching of the City of Port Elizabeth. Standing behind Mrs. Geyer is Mr. Muirhead, of Vickers-Armstrongs, and behind him are some of the workers who have been helping to build the new liner. Right—The graceful new vessel entering the water.

LAUNCHING THE "CITY OF PORT ELIZABETH"

A NEW ADDITION TO THE ELLERMAN FLEET

The *City of Port Elizabeth*, a passenger- and cargo-liner of 12,500 tons, was launched last week by Mrs. A. L. Geyer, wife of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, at the Walker Naval Yard of Vickers-Armstrongs Limited. The first of four passenger- and cargo-liners under construction at the Naval Yard for the same owners, the *City of Port Elizabeth* is the first passenger ship to be launched for the Ellerman Lines since the end of the war. When completed she will offer travellers a notable advance in the standard of passenger accommodation for a vessel of her size, and she will undoubtedly prove a most popular addition to the Company's service between London and South Africa. The new liner will carry 106 passengers

on the Ellerman and Bucknall Line service between London—Las Palmas (or Tenerife), Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, Lourenco Marques and Beira.

In common with other important shipping lines, the Ellerman Lines suffered extremely heavy losses during the war, the number of vessels lost through enemy action totalling sixty, of which twelve were passenger-liners. The construction or acquisition of fifty-six cargo vessels since 1943 has restored the Company's freight-carrying capacity, and this latest launch is an important stage in the expansion of the company's South African passenger service.

At last week's launching messages were received by the builders and owners from the Mayor and citizens of Port Elizabeth.

